

Developing an EQIP Contract

Applicants who rank high enough to be selected for plan development and contracting must have a conservation plan developed. The conservation plan will outline the practices that will be included on the contract, and develop a preliminary schedule for implementing practices.

All identified needed upland practices and farmstead practices must be completed according to NRCS standards prior to any cost share funds being provided for the waste storage facility. Producers are limited to one waste storage facility cost shared through EQIP.

A cost shared practice must be started within 12 months of contract approval by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) representative. Once begun, the producer is expected to make continuous progress towards implementation. Failure to commence a practice within 12 months of contract approval will result in contract termination unless circumstances beyond the producer's control prevented the start of the practice.